

Friday, May 21, 2021

The Maryland Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

Chairperson: Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Via Google Hangout

GENERAL SESSION MINUTES

In Attendance

Members of the Board

Chairperson.....Wanda Banks
Secretary.....E.J. Quinn
OT Member.....Rae-Ann Smith
OT Member.....Caitlin Brogan
OTA Member.....Sarah Quirk
Consumer Member.....Marylin Pierre

Staff

Executive Director.....Lauren Murray
Board Counsel.....Bethan Haaga
Compliance Officer.....Denise Goetz

Guests

MOTA Representative.....Robyn Elliott
Legislation and Regulations Coordinator.....Lillian Reese
Boards Liaison.....Kimberly Link

Not in Attendance

Vice Chairperson.....Dan Martin

1. Ms. Banks called the meeting to order to 9:04 am.
2. Ms. Banks asked for approval of May General Session Agenda. Ms. Murray asked that item 2 under administrative reports be deleted. Ms. Pierre made a motion to approve the agenda with amendments. Ms. Quirk seconded it. All were in favor.
3. Ms. Banks asked for approval of April General Session Minutes. Ms. Smith made a motion. Mr. Quinn seconded it. All were in favor.
4. Ms. Banks asked for approval of ratification of 26 OTs and 6 OTAs from April Executive Session. Ms. Pierre made a motion. Ms. Smith seconded it. All were in favor.

REPORTS

1. Administrative Reports – FY'21

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Renewals

- a. Renewals for both 2020 and 2021 will end on June 30, 2021.
- b. As of yesterday, for 2021, 654 OTs and 121 OTAs have renewed.
- c. As of yesterday, for 2020, 227 OTs and 140 OTAs still need to renew.

2. Legislation/Regulations Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Caitlin Brogan, OT/R

Marylin Pierre, Esquire, Consumer Member

Staff: Lauren Murray

a. Dry Needling Questions

- i. A licensee wrote in to ask about when the Board might be making an official statement regarding Dry Needling and provided a study from a journal indicating that the process helps.
 - ii. Ms. Murray asked that the Dry Needling Committee will continue its work and will present its decision regarding statute or regulations changes for the July meeting.
- b. Ms. Reese said that the Secretary signed off on telehealth regulations and the Board is waiting for it to be sent to AELR.

3. Continuing Education Committee –

Sarah Quirk, COTA/L

Rae-Ann Smith, OT/R

Staff: Denise Goetz

4. Secretary's Report

E.J. Quinn, Consumer Member, Secretary

5. Executive Committee--

Wanda Banks, MA, OTR/L

Daniel Martin, Ph.D.

Staff: Lauren Murray

- a. An OT wants to know if she can still work with a student even if the student is moving schools in the fall and will no longer be a part of her school as of June.
 - a. The OT will have to check with her contract and the school system for their protocol.
- b. A DC therapist wants to know if a preschool in Bethesda can be asked to fill out a sensory profile for a child who is a DC resident.
 - a. The OT will need to check with the DC Board and check with the daycare.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. The Board agreed in Executive Session that regulations must be amended to make sure that licensees reply to correspondence from the Board, especially regarding complaints.
 - a. Ms. Murray, Ms. Haaga, Ms. Reese, and Ms. Banks will work on the wording to present at the June Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Ms. Murray announced that Board meetings for the remainder of the year will be via Google Hangout. This will be reassessed at the end of the year regarding 2022 meetings.
2. Ms. Pierre asked if someone would be a mentor a neighbor of hers who is looking to become an OT. Ms. Banks agreed.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am.